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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH MEMORANDUM TO CONSORTIUM AND
BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 22900; OECD 25423; BONN 14930

1. FRG VIEWS ON AID TO BANGLADESH WERE DISCUSSED
OCT 29 WITH DR. KLAMSER, DEPUTY ASSTSEC FOR ASIAN
AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION
MINISTRY. KLAMSER, WHO HEADED FRG DEL TO OCT 24-25
BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING, HAD ALSO VISITED
BANGLADESH ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO. HE PAINTED A BLEAK
PICTURE OF SITUATION IN BANGLADESH -- A GOVERNMENT
BUREAUCRACY LACKING NOT ONLY EXPERIENCE AND
ABILITY TO DEAL WITH URGENT PROBLEMS, BUT MOTIVATION
AS WELL, LACK OF FACILITIES TO TRANSFER AID SHIPMENTS
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FROM PORTS, SPOILAGE OF MEDICINES AND OTHER GOODS

BEFORE THEY CAN BE USED, ETC. NEITHER BENGLADESH
MEMORANDUM NOR OCT 24-25 MEETING DID MUCH TO
RELIEVE HIS CONCERN.

2. KLAMER AGREED WITH EACH OF US CRITICISMS OF
BENGLADESH MEMORANDUM. HE BELIEVES THE MEMORANDUM
IS ON THE WHOLE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION
OF INABILITY OF BDG TO COME TO GRIPS WITH
PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE ECONOMY, AND CITED BDG
EFFORTS TO BUILD UP STUDENT BODIES AT UNIVERSITIES
DESPITE LACK OF EVEN FOOD TO FEED THE STUDENTS AS
AN EXAMPLE OF MISGUIDED BDG APPROACH.

3. WHILE PRAISING AHSAN'S PERFORMANCE AT AID GROUP
MEETING, KLAMSER EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT AHSAN HAS
SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE IN DACCA TO TURN BDG POLICY
AROUND ON SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES AS EXCHANGE RATE
POLICY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM
OVER ABILITY OF DONOR GROUP TO GO VERY FAR TOWARDS
FILLING \$415 MILLION RESIDUAL GAP. FOR ITS PART,
FRG, WHICH HAS ALREADY COMMITTED MORE TO BDG THAN TO
PAKISTAN, DOES NOT PLAN TO PLEDGE SUPPORT OVER AND
ABOVE PRESENT PROGRAM LEVELS. KLAMSER THOUGHT
THAT ONLY REAL POSSIBILITY FOR FILLING GAP LIES
WITH IRAN, KUWAIT AND U.A.E. HOWEVER, HE NOTED
THEIR RETICENCE AT MEETING AND CAUTIONED
THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE HOW THEY WILL ACT.
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